



# A Proclamation

- Whereas** public schools are the foundation of our democracy, providing our youth with an education and the 21st century skills necessary to be productive citizens today as well as effective leaders tomorrow; and
- Whereas** education employees, be they substitute educators, custodians, teachers, bus drivers, librarians, administrators, or school board members work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and
- Whereas** community involvement in our public schools provides vital support and opens opportunities for students to participate in service-learning and community outreach activities; and
- Whereas** when students apply classroom lessons to real-world situations to meet community needs, they gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of their academic learning and achieve at higher levels; and
- Whereas** a well-educated workforce spurs innovations that can solve global problems for business, industry, and human relations and provide economic security to our communities, state, and nation;

**Therefore, be it resolved that** November 16-22, 2008, be declared American Education Week in Wisconsin, a time to appreciate the importance of continuing support for public education.

## AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

*GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS: A BASIC RIGHT AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY*



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